

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES

vs.

BARBARA E. CARUSO

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A.H. FILE NO. (EMS) 96-17

CONSENT AGREEMENT

This matter is before the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department"), upon matters contained in an Administrative Hearing Notice, dated 25 March 1996 issued to Barbara E. Caruso (hereinafter "Respondent"). Prior to the date scheduled for hearing, a pre-hearing conference was held between the parties and it was agreed as follows:

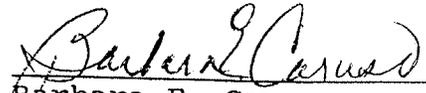
1. Respondent neither admits nor denies the matters contained in the Administrative Hearing Notice dated 25 March 1996.
2. That Respondent's license as an Emergency Medical Technician shall be suspended for a period of six (6) months provided, however, three (3) months of said suspension shall be stayed and three (3) months thereof shall become effective upon the execution of this Consent Agreement by all the parties.
3. That Respondent shall complete during the three (3) month period of time her license is suspended a course of continuing education approved by the Department which shall consist of at least nine (9) hours of instruction

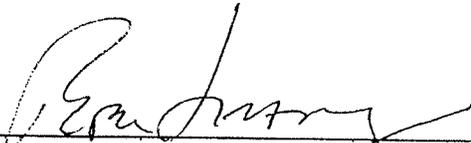
in the area of "Management of a Critically Ill/Injured Patient Requiring Advanced Life Support Care." Respondent shall submit, or cause to be submitted to the Department for its approval, the name of the course, its content and the name of the licensed instructor coordinator who shall teach same prior to enrolling in said course. Fees related to the conduct of said course shall be the responsibility of the Respondent. Respondent shall submit, or cause to be submitted to the Department, appropriate documentation to Department to verify completion of this requirement.

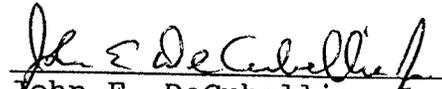
4. That Respondent shall serve a two (2) year period of Probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement.
5. At the expiration of the three (3) month suspension of Respondent's license and successful completion of the continuing education course described in Paragraph three (3), that said probationary period shall commence upon Respondent's employment and/or performing services as an Emergency Medical Technician with a licensed emergency medical service and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed and/or performs volunteer services as an Emergency Medical Technician.
6. That during the period of probation, Respondent's employers, including the Chief of the licensed Ambulance Services for which she is employed and/or serves as a

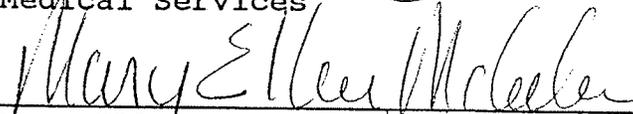
volunteer, shall submit to the Department reports every six (6) months relating to Respondent's conduct and performance. That it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have her employers submit said reports.

7. That during the period of probation should Respondent change EMS employment and/or volunteer service, she shall notify the Department forthwith of said change including the name and address of the new EMS employers and/or licensed ambulance service and the reason for the change in employment.
8. That a copy of this Consent Agreement shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current EMS employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future EMS employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.
9. That during the period of probation should Respondent fail to comply with the provisions of Chapter 23-4.1 and/or the "Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services", or any of the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Department shall initiate appropriate action with respect to Respondent's licensure status.
10. That at the expiration of the two (2) year period of probation, Respondent may apply to the Department for an unrestricted license as an Emergency Medical Technician.
11. That this Consent Agreement shall obviate the necessity for a hearing on the matters forming the basis for this Consent Agreement.

  
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Dated: 5/17/96